

## House Resolution 822

By: Representative Richardson of the 19<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Irvin Thomas Terrell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Irvin Thomas Terrell was born on April 18, 1924, in Carroll County,  
3 Georgia, the beloved son of sharecroppers who lost everything in the stock market crash of  
4 1929; and

5 WHEREAS, known by his friends and peers as "I.T.," Mr. Terrell grew up during the years  
6 of the Great Depression, which forced his family to work in the fields of Carroll County  
7 during the growing season and spend winters in Miami, Florida, working in the produce  
8 packing industry; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 9, 1942, Mr. Terrell was united in love and marriage to his wife,  
10 Lodemia, a wonderful 65 year marriage which gave them four remarkable children, Mike,  
11 Regina, Shirley, and Wade; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell enlisted in the United States Army to serve as a guardian of this  
13 nation's freedom and liberty, with World War II ending the day he completed basic training  
14 and left for Fort Ord for amphibious tank training; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell served in the occupation army in the Philippines and Korea, and  
16 visited Hiroshima, seeing first hand the effects of the atomic bomb upon the people of Japan;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Terrell has been a member of Tallapoosa  
19 Primitive Baptist Church for 55 years where he serves as deacon; and

20 WHEREAS, he is known for his love of God, country, family, and friendship and is  
21 passionate about uplifting his community through his past work with the Austell Lions Club  
22 and coaching Little League baseball; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell enjoys gardening, fishing, and spending time with his family,  
24 including his five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he has  
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Irvin Thomas Terrell for his efficient, effective,  
32 unselfish, and dedicated service to the citizens of this state and country and extend their most  
33 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Irvin Thomas Terrell.